

**Massachusetts School Library Association**  
**February 15, 2023 5:00-7:00 pm**  
**Executive Summary Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Format: Zoom**

**Attendance:**

Jenny Arch	Trent Bordok	Mike Caligiuri	Liz Cammilleri
Maria D'Orsi			
Barb Fecteau	Michelle Fontaine	Deb Froggatt	Morgan
Keohane	Emma Kwon		
Sue Larson	Reba Tierney	Georgina Trebbe	Iris Santana
	Tinamarie Sheckells		
Amy Short	Colleen Simpson	Ella Stocker	Jen Varney
Alix Woznick			

1. Welcome, check in, call to order, approve minutes of January meeting--- Jen: Motion to approve minutes, seconded, minutes approved.
2. Housekeeping items --- Jen
  - i. Send web updates to [webmaster@maschoollibraries.org](mailto:webmaster@maschoollibraries.org)
3. Updates
  - o Professional Learning - Alix / Luker:
    - i. Early registration ends this weekend, please register by Sunday to get the early bird rate. Monday is regular registration.
    - ii. Sunday dinner is a separate ticket.
    - iii. Hotel rooms booking out, guaranteed rate ends this Friday, use link on website to reserve.
    - iv. Working on author panel.
    - v. Please visit sponsor area. Platinum sponsor is MLS.
  - o Treasurer --- Michelle Fontaine: Net worth \$109,618.18, usual earmarked funds. \$100 donation for Paradis Fund, EBSCO funds in account.
  - o Advocacy --- Georgina: Attended 1/31/23 DESE meeting with Jen, Deb and DESE's Ann Demalie (DLCS) and Reuben Henriques (History/Social Science). Discuss DESE job coding for library teachers. Question re: collaboration with classroom and subject area teachers.
  - o Outreach - Debbie Froggatt: 8th March, Deb speaking on behalf MSLA on March 15th. Discussion with DESE re: MSLA awarding PDP's. Met with Ewa Elliott, President of NJSLA about how they had their state legislature pass that all students should have an information literacy instruction curriculum.
  - o Forum/Podcast --- Reba Tierney / Luke Steere / Ella Stocker: Ella: Podcast about school refusal through staying in the library, a conversation with Bonnie McBride; preparing for roving podcast at the conference. 11 articles in Forum, amazing contributors. Looking for a secondary columnist.
  - o Awards - Ella / Amy / Morgan:

- i. Working to streamline the process and develop rubrics for each award category;
    - ii. distinguishing between Super Librarian and Presidents awards.
    - iii. Develop a Google form for awards submissions to decrease burden on administrators to nominate librarians. Also a good way to let admin know they have a librarian on their faculty being nominated for an award.
  - Area Updates - Area Directors:
    - i. Southeast had online meet up, wide ranging discussion. People are looking forward to getting together in person at the conference.
    - ii. Boston area small meet up last Wed, planning a team group meeting in person, discuss ways to update collections, chat with colleagues and share feedback on what people are doing in their spaces, possible mentorship program.
    - iii. Central - Mike reached out to group sales at Worcester Red Sox, possibly discounts for group 20+, get together in the spring outside for baseball and good food for Central and others to join.
    - iv. Maria in Metrowest looking at planning an event late Spring for new Medford library, possibly new youth librarian to give book talks.
    - v. Northeast thinking about events for elementary librarians with Tinamarie, networking with new members, German International School reached out for PD day, promoted MSLA, looking at more tech integration.
    - vi. Jen added possible mentorship program for new librarians because BPS hiring lots of librarians, BPS have the framework for a mentorship program, separate to DESE mentorship. ris added the importance of support and alleviating isolation for new librarians.
  - MTA Legislation filed -Jen: School librarians were left out of the 5 bills actually filed - we'll try again in 2 years.
4. Strategic Plan update - Deb: 11 people attended the focus group, looking to host a session in person at conference to gather more data.
5. Volunteer needed to work with Emily, Tinamarie volunteered.
6. Intellectual Freedom update/discussion - Jen
- i. Statement for discussion / voting: minor edit from committee. Michelle moved to accept, Trent seconded, approved. Jen will notify committee and make it available.
  - ii. Updated challenge data collection form - FYI: 24 separate challenges at 8 schools involving 14 titles, Flamer #1. Self reported, formal challenges. All titles have LGBTQ+ or race themes. Jen following up with all who've reported challenges to provide support and discuss outcomes.
  - iii. Meeting with Maura Deedy, MBLC.
  - iv. Mass Dems reached out, possible connection to discuss challenges and better understanding for school board races
- In-person testimony to Hanover SC by Jen and provided a written testimony. Feb 1st, not a challenge, SC was trying to pass poor library policy. Heated discussion.
7. Other news/topics from board members:

- New library consortium offering online author visits reaching out to members, Jen and Barb discussed, MSLA won't endorse, it's an expensive program.
- Question re: comments to media. Jen: feel free to forward to Jen and Barb, they met with a reporter for the Patriot Ledger.
- Michelle working on budget.

**Motion to adjourn Reba, second Amy. Meeting Adjourned 6:12 pm.**

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